

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A network having plural pieces of communications equipment comprising:

5 a first notification means for notifying priority use of said network to the communications equipment within said network; and

10 a second notification means for notifying release of said network to the communications equipment within said network after completion of communication with priority use of said network.

2. The network according to claim 1, wherein the communications equipment that has received the notification from the first notification means changes  
15 its mode according to whether it carries out communication with priority use of said network.

3. The network according to claim 2, wherein the mode change is a change to such a mode that the  
20 communications equipment does not make a communication request.

4. The network according to claim 3, wherein upon receiving the notification from said second  
25 notification means, the communications equipment is released from the mode in which the communications equipment does not make a communication request.

5. The network according to claim 2, wherein the mode change is a change to a mode of low power consumption.

5           6. The network according to claim 1, wherein the notification from said first notification means and said second notification means is carried out by a control station.

10           7. The network according to claim 1, wherein the communications equipment carries out communication based on the Bluetooth scheme.

8. Communications equipment comprising:

15           a first notification means for notifying other pieces of communications equipment that the communications equipment carries out communication with priority use of a network; and

20           a second notification means for notifying release of the network to the other pieces of communications equipment after completion of the communication with priority use of the network.

25           9. The communications equipment according to claim 8, wherein the notification from said first notification means is to change the pieces of communications equipment that do not carry out

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communication with priority use of the network to such a mode that they do not make a communication request.

10. The communications equipment according to  
5 claim 9, wherein the notification from said second notification means is to release the pieces of communications equipment from such a mode that they do not make a communication request.

10 11. The communications equipment according to claim 8, wherein the notification from said first notification means is to change the pieces of communications equipment that do not carry out communication with priority use of the network to a  
15 mode of low power consumption.

12. The communications equipment according to claim 8, wherein said communications equipment carries out communication based on the Bluetooth scheme.

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13. A network having plural pieces of communications equipment comprising:

a communication means that provides data communication between pieces of communications  
25 equipment; and

a changing means that changes the mode of the other pieces of communications equipment that do not



5           18. Communications equipment comprising:  
            a communication means that carries out data  
            communication with at least one other piece of  
            communications equipment; and

19. The communications equipment according to  
15 claim 18, wherein said changing means changes the mode  
by broadcasting a predetermined notification to all  
pieces of communications equipment within a network.

25           said changing means changes the mode of all the  
pieces of communications equipment but the pieces of  
communications equipment that have negotiated with each

other through said negotiation means.

21. The communications equipment according to  
claim 18, wherein said changing means changes the mode  
5 of the pieces of communications equipment that do not  
conduct data transmission to such a mode that they do  
not make a communication request.

22. The communications equipment according to  
10 claim 18, wherein said changing means changes the mode  
of the pieces of communications equipment that do not  
conduct data transmission to a mode of low power  
consumption.

23. Communications equipment comprising:  
15 a communication means that provides data  
communication; and

a changing means that changes its own mode  
according to whether said communication means carries  
20 out communication on the basis of information received  
from another piece of communications equipment.

24. The communications equipment according to  
claim 23, wherein the determination as to whether  
25 communication is carried out through said communication  
means is made on the basis of whether said  
communications equipment have negotiated with another

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25. The communications equipment according to claim 23, wherein said changing means changes the mode of its own to such a mode that the communications equipment does not made a communication request.

27. A control method for a network having plural pieces of communications equipment, comprising:

a second notification step of notifying the plural pieces of communications equipment of release of said network after completion of communication with priority use of said network.

a first notification step of notifying priority  
25 use of a network to other pieces of communications  
equipment; and

a second notification step of notifying release of

said network after completion of communication with  
priority use of said network.

29. A control method for a network having plural  
5 pieces of communications equipment, comprising:

a communication step of providing data  
communication between pieces of communications  
equipment; and

a changing step of changing the mode of other  
10 pieces of communications equipment that do not carry  
out data communication during the communication in said  
communication step.

30. A control method for communications equipment,  
15 comprising:

a communication step of providing data  
communication with at least one other piece of  
communications equipment; and

a changing step of changing the mode of other  
20 pieces of communications equipment that do not carry  
out data communication during the communication in said  
communication step.

31. A control method for communications equipment,  
25 comprising:

a communication step of providing data  
communication; and



a changing step of changing the mode of its own  
according to whether communication is carried out in  
said communication step on the basis of information  
received from another piece of communications

5 equipment.

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